

House File 215

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1 Amend House File 215 as follows:

2 1. Page 48, after line 20 by inserting:

3 <DIVISION _____
4 SPECIFIC CRITERIA FOR TEACHER PREPARATION

5 Sec. _____. Section 256.16, subsection 1, paragraph
6 a, subparagraph (2), Code 2013, is amended to read as
7 follows:

8 (2) ~~Administer, prior to a student's completion of~~
9 ~~the practitioner preparation program and subject to~~
10 ~~the director's approval,~~ subject assessments designed
11 by a nationally recognized testing service that
12 measure pedagogy and knowledge of at least one subject
13 area; or, a valid and reliable ~~subject-area-specific~~
14 discipline-specific, performance-based assessment for
15 preservice teacher candidates, centered on student
16 learning. A The student may select either the subject
17 assessments or the performance-based assessment,
18 but shall not successfully complete graduate from
19 the program unless the student achieves scores
20 above the twenty-fifth percentile nationally on the
21 successfully passes either of the assessments, subject
22 or performance-based, administered pursuant to this
23 subparagraph.

24 Sec. _____. Section 256.16, subsection 1, Code 2013,
25 is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

26 NEW PARAGRAPH. *d.* Work with the board of
27 educational examiners to develop valid and reliable
28 pathways to licensure by subject area which a student
29 enrolled in the program may elect to pursue.

30 Sec. _____. Section 256.16, Code 2013, is amended by
31 adding the following new subsection:

32 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. *a.* A council on pathways
33 to licensure is established, administratively
34 attached to the board of educational examiners, to
35 identify appropriate levels of proficiency in each
36 licensure pathway developed pursuant to subsection 1,
37 paragraph "*d*" and to periodically review the levels of
38 proficiency in each licensure pathway. The council
39 shall consist of the director of the department
40 of education, or the director's designee, and the
41 remaining members shall be appointed by the executive
42 director of the board of educational examiners as
43 follows:

44 (1) Three members who shall represent accredited
45 private institutions offering practitioner preparation
46 programs approved pursuant to section 256.7, subsection
47 3.

48 (2) Three members who shall represent institutions
49 of higher learning governed by the state board of
50 regents offering practitioner preparation programs

1 approved pursuant to section 256.7, subsection 3.
2 *b.* Members appointed pursuant to paragraph "a",
3 subparagraphs (1) and (2) shall serve staggered
4 four-year terms. A vacancy shall be filled in the same
5 manner as the original appointment and shall be for the
6 remainder of the unexpired term of the vacancy. The
7 council shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson.
8 The council shall meet regularly as determined by
9 the council, upon the call of the chairperson, or
10 upon the call of a majority of the members. Members
11 shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses
12 incurred in performance of their duties. The board of
13 educational examiners shall provide staff assistance
14 and administrative support to the council.

15 *c.* The council shall assist the board of
16 educational examiners and the state board in resolving
17 issues which are directly related to pathways to
18 licensure and practitioner preparation programs. The
19 council shall formulate recommendations on any issue
20 referred to it by the board of educational examiners or
21 the state board and shall submit its recommendations
22 to both boards within any specified time periods. The
23 council shall submit an annual report with its findings
24 and recommendations, including any recommendations for
25 changes in law or policy, to the board of educational
26 examiners, the state board, the governor, and the
27 general assembly by January 15.

28 Sec. ____. COUNCIL ON PATHWAYS TO LICENSURE —
29 INITIAL RECOMMENDATIONS — INITIAL MEMBERSHIP TERMS.

30 1. Notwithstanding section 256.16, subsection 3,
31 paragraph "c", the council on pathways to licensure
32 shall submit an initial report, including its findings
33 and recommendations for changes in law or policy, by
34 November 15, 2013, to the state board of education,
35 the board of educational examiners, the governor, and
36 general assembly, and shall submit its first annual
37 report to the state board of education, the board
38 of educational examiners, the governor, and general
39 assembly by January 15, 2015.

40 2. Initial appointments to the council on pathways
41 to licensure made pursuant to section 256.16,
42 subsection 3, paragraph "a", subparagraphs (1) and (2)
43 shall be for terms as follows: Two members shall be
44 appointed for two-year terms, two members shall be
45 appointed for three-year terms, and two members shall
46 be appointed for four-year terms.>

47 2. By renumbering as necessary.

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